

REMARKS

1. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-30 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 12, and 19 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 2, 27 and 30 have been canceled without prejudice. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 3-26, 28 and 29 will be pending.

Support for the claim amendments is found in the specification at p. 6, ll. 17-21; p. 7, ll. 13 - 25; and Figures 10 - 12.

2. THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention.

Claim 17 is rejected for failing to use a trademark ACETAL®. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. A search of trademarks reveals no trademark ACETAL®. Acetal plastic is a generic name for a type of plastic.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

3. THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as anticipated by Iwasaki *et al.*, United States patent no. 5,507,753, issued April 16, 1996 ("Iwasaki").

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection on the basis of the claims as amended.

Claims 1 and 19 have been amended to recite a hair removal device having at least two groups of disc assemblies arranged in at least two rows, where the disc assemblies in the rows rotate in the same direction. By contrast, Iwasaki teaches a hair removal device with a plucking head comprising a single row of pinching plates, where the pinching plates are caused to swing back and forth along the longitudinal axis of the plucking head in order to clamp the hair, while the plucking head is oscillated about its longitudinal axis "between a limited angular range" in order to pluck hair. (*See* Iwasaki, col. 5, ll. 27 - col. 6, ll. 7.)

Applicant respectfully submits that Iwasaki neither teaches nor suggests Applicant's instant invention of a hair removal device comprising two or more rows of disc assemblies, where the disc assemblies remove hair through rotation of the discs.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Iwasaki et al. be withdrawn.

Applicant believes that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, an early notification of which is earnestly requested.

No fee is believed to be due for this amendment. Should any fee be required, please charge it and any other fee that may be required or appropriate in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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